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CHILE:

**Developments in Letelier Case**

**President Pinochet may face considerable opposition from the Chilean armed forces if he refuses to comply with the US request for help in bringing to justice senior military officers implicated in the assassination of former Foreign Minister Letelier and the murder of a US citizen in Washington in 1976.**



The coalition of moderate opposition parties, which has characterized Fernandez's revelations as a "political earthquake," will probably add to Pinochet's discomfiture by urging the military to begin acting more independently of him on this and other issues.

If Pinochet resists an investigation [REDACTED] he will risk provoking open criticism of his leadership within the armed forces. Nevertheless, he might react angrily by harassing the US Embassy or by expelling some US officials from Chile because he probably suspects that US officials helped Fernandez get out of Chile.

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